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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4645

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: GROC MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI WILL VISIT SAUDI

ARABIA ON BRIEF GOODWILL MISSION

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1. GROC MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI INFORMED
AMBASSADOR UNGER ON APRIL 1 THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT SAUDI
ARABIA ON A GOODWILL MISSION.

2. ACCORDING TO APRIL 2 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, CHOU WILL
DEPART FOR SAUDI ARABIA ON APRIL 3 TO "BRING THE CONDO-
LENCES OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF KING FAISAL" AND TO "CONVEY THE GOODWILL AND
RESPECT OF THE GROC TO KING KHALID." CHOU
REPORTEDLY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FORMER GROC AMBASSADOR
TO GAMBIA SHU MEI-SHENG.

3. COMMENT: CHOU, A FORMER GROC FOREIGN MINISTER AND
AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, IS PERHAPS GROC OFFICIAL
MOST EXPERIENCED IN FOREIGN RELATIONS. HIS MISSION TO
SAUDI ARABIA REFLECTS A SPECIAL EFFORT BY THE GROC TO
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RESTATE ITS HIGH REGARD FOR CONTINUED SAUDI FRIENDSHIP.

SEE NO NEED FOR EMBASSY JIDDA TO TAKE ANY ACTION ALTHOUGH
CHOU MAY ASK TO CALL ON EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT
SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA. UNGER

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